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FACT SHEET

Supporting the International Observation Mission

OVERVIEW

The Supporting the International Observation Mission project promotes good governance and strengthens credible and transparent electoral processes in Afghanistan.

USAID seeks to enhance public confidence and transparency in the electoral process by supporting international observation of Afghanistan's election events and performance of the independent election institutions. The involvement of international observers continues to ensure transparency and objective critical analysis of the overall election process. The project is an important contributor to post-election recommendations for electoral reform.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Deploy Elections Observation Missions for Afghan elections
- Assess the administration of the elections, including the processes of voter registration, balloting, counting, complaint adjudication, and resolution
- Evaluate Afghanistan's institutional and electoral legal framework, including the credibility and neutrality of the Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan
- Assess the political context and environment in which elections takes place, including the extent of freedoms of speech, movement and association, the fairness of the news media, opportunities for the opposition to compete, and the nature of the campaigns
- Consider all phases of an election process over time, including the campaign and pre-election period, the balloting and initial counting, the post-election aggregation and tabulation of votes and adjudication of complaints, and the formation of a new government or parliament
- Provide analysis and recommendations for improvements and/or reform to the electoral system

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Deployed eighty short and long-term observers for the 2010 parliamentary elections covering eighteen provinces throughout the country
- Deployed more than fifty short and long-term observers throughout the country during the 2009 presidential elections
- Provided a comprehensive report on the outcome of the 2009 presidential elections
- Assessed the 2009 and 2010 elections results, including legal and institutional performance, and provided consensus recommendations for electoral reform in Afghanistan
- Released updated information on the periodic results of the 2009 provincial council elections and 2010 parliamentary elections